

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions in this application:

I. IN THE CLAIMS:

47-63. (Cancelled).

64. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein the stored coupon information is stored in a repository at the internet-accessible location.

65-68. (Cancelled).

69. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein storing information pertaining to a group of available coupons further comprises storing advertising materials provided by one or more coupon issuers or coupon distributors.

70. (Cancelled).

71. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 69, wherein displaying coupon information further comprises displaying the advertising materials.

72. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein registration associates said potential consumer ~~the user~~ with an account.

73. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, wherein a household of users may be linked through the account.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 72, wherein a household of users may be linked through one account.

75-76. (Cancelled).

77. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein fixed coupon format data is downloaded with said~~[[the]]~~ coupon ~~[[data]]~~ management ~~[[software]]~~routine.

78. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]103~~, wherein fixed coupon format data is downloaded with said~~[[the]]~~ coupon ~~[[data]]~~ management ~~[[software]]~~routine, and is used to format data downloaded to ~~[[the]]~~said client personal computer when ~~a user~~said potential consumer requests a coupon to be printed.

79. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]103~~, wherein the displayed coupon information includes a product for which a coupon is available, and a discount for that product.

80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]103~~, wherein a coupon has a redemption discount amount associated with a product, and the redemption discount amount for ~~a user~~said potential consumer depends on certain demographic information associated with ~~the user~~said potential consumer.

81. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]103~~, wherein the coupons available to ~~a user~~said potential consumer are based on at least selection history information for ~~the user~~said potential consumer.

82. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]103~~, wherein the coupons available to ~~a user~~said potential consumer are sorted by categories.

83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]103~~, further comprising providing ~~a user~~said potential consumer with a shopping list relating to at least one selected coupon.

84. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, wherein the shopping list is printed along with the at least one selected coupon.

85. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 83, wherein the shopping list is printed separate from the at least one selected coupon.

86. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]103~~, wherein printing further comprises printing a unique bar code on the coupon.

87. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 86, wherein the bar code includes a unique

identifier.

88. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein each coupon printed is unique.

89. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein each coupon printed is printed with a unique bar code including unique identification information.

90. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein each coupon printed is printed with a unique information number.

91. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein each coupon printed is printed with a unique bar code including unique identification information based on information stored on ~~[[the]]~~said client personal computer.

92. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, wherein each coupon printed is printed with user-specific information.

93. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, further comprising:  
setting a flag to render a coupon unprintable after it has been printed to protect against fraud.

94. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, further comprising:  
receiving redemption information regarding one or more printed coupons that have been redeemed; and  
storing the redemption information at the internet-accessible location.

95. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 94, wherein the redemption information is associated with ~~a user~~said potential consumer associated with ~~[[the]]~~said client personal computer.

96. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 94, wherein the redemption information is associated with an account associated with ~~[[the]]~~said client personal computer.

97. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~[[63]]~~103, further comprising:  
receiving redemption information and using the received redemption information to  
generate at least one subsequent coupon targeted specifically at ~~the user~~said potential consumer.

98. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 97, wherein the at least one subsequent  
coupon is provided to ~~the user~~said potential consumer via an electronic mail message.

99. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 97, wherein the at least one subsequent  
coupon is downloaded from the Internet accessible location.

100. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 97, wherein the at least one subsequent  
coupon is provided to ~~the user~~said potential consumer at a regular interval.

101. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 97, wherein the at least one subsequent  
coupon is for a product other than a product covered by a redeemed printed coupon.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 97, wherein the at least one subsequent  
coupon is for a same product covered by a redeemed printed coupon, but has a different monetary  
value.

103. (New) A method for providing coupons over the Internet, comprising:  
hosting an Internet website at a server, wherein said server is configured to control  
components comprising a central coupon repository and a coupon redemption database;  
transmitting between said Internet website and a client personal computer using data  
communications interface means, including the Internet;  
accessing said server by a potential consumer using said client personal computer;  
transmitting a request to download coupons from said client personal computer to said  
server, wherein said request includes providing identification information from said potential  
consumer, including demographic information from said potential consumer;  
issuing a unique identifier by said server for said client personal computer, wherein said  
unique identifier is associated with the online service address of said client computer;  
transmitting a coupon management routine from said server to said client personal  
computer, wherein said coupon management routine comprises said unique identifier, wherein

said coupon management routine includes an offline coupon management routine file;  
storing said coupon management routine in memory at said client personal computer;  
transmitting a request for coupons from said client personal computer to said server,  
wherein said request comprises including an encrypted version of said unique identifier;  
receiving said request for coupons at said server;  
decrypting said encrypted version of said unique identifier at said server;  
verifying said unique identifier at said server to confirm that said potential consumer is a  
valid user;  
transmitting coupons from said server to said client personal computer; and  
storing said coupons in memory at said client personal computer, wherein said memory  
comprises an output buffer residing in random access memory.

104. (New) The method of claim 103, further comprising:

modifying, by said server, the value of said coupon after said potential consumer  
downloads a coupon.

105. (New) The method of claim 103, further comprising:

updating, by said server, the coupon data stored in said client personal computer, without  
required interaction from said potential consumer, if said potential consumer is online.

106. (New) The method of claim 103, further comprising:

transmitting printable coupon data from said output buffer to a retailer for electronic  
coupon redemption.

107. (New) The method of claim 103, further comprising:

transmitting a file containing user-specific data associated with coupons redeemed by said  
potential consumer from a retailer to said coupon redemption database, wherein said coupon  
redemption database transmits said file to said central coupon repository;

analyzing (1) said file, (2) information regarding all coupons available by coupon issuers,  
(3) information regarding all coupons selected by said potential consumer, (4) information  
regarding all coupons printed by said potential consumer, and (5) demographic information  
regarding said user, by said central coupon repository in order to compile a subsequent coupon  
package for said potential consumer; and

transmitting said subsequent coupon package from said server to said potential consumer.

108. (New) A system for providing coupons over the Internet, comprising:

a server, wherein said server hosts an Internet website, said server configured to control components comprising a central coupon repository, and a coupon redemption database;

a client personal computer;

wherein said client personal computer comprises data communications interface means for transmissions with said server, including Internet access;

wherein a potential consumer accesses said server using said client personal computer;

wherein said client personal computer transmits a request to said server to download coupons, wherein said request includes providing identification information, including demographic information from said potential consumer;

wherein said server issues a unique identifier for said client personal computer, wherein said unique identifier is associated with the online service address of said client computer;

wherein said server transmits a coupon management routine to said client personal computer, wherein said coupon management routine comprises said unique identifier, wherein said coupon management routine includes an offline data management routine file;

wherein said client personal computer stores said coupon management routine in memory;

wherein said client personal computer transmits a request for coupons to said server, wherein said request comprises including an encrypted version of said unique identifier;

wherein said server receives said request for coupons;

wherein said server decrypts said encrypted version of said unique identifier;

wherein said server verifies said unique identifier to confirm that said potential consumer is a valid user;

wherein said server transmits coupons from said server to said client personal computer;

and

wherein said client personal computer stores said coupons in an output buffer which resides in random access memory.

109. (New) The system of claim 108, wherein said server can modify the value of said coupon after said potential consumer downloads a coupon.

110. (New) The system of claim 108, wherein said server can update the coupon data stored in said client personal computer, without required interaction from said potential consumer, if said potential consumer is online.

111. (New) The system of claim 108, wherein said client personal computer can transmit printable coupon data from said output buffer to a retailer for electronic coupon redemption.

112. (New) The system of claim 108, wherein said coupon redemption database transmits to said central coupon repository a file containing user-specific data associated with coupons redeemed by said potential consumer, from a retailer to said coupon redemption database;

wherein said central coupon repository analyzes: (1) said file, (2) information regarding all coupons available by the coupon issuers, (3) information regarding all coupons selected by said potential consumer, (4) information regarding all coupons printed by said potential consumer, and (5) demographic information regarding said user, in order to compile a subsequent coupon package for said potential consumer; and

wherein said server transmits said subsequent coupon package to said potential consumer.